

that does not unjustly burden a struggling nation at its moment of hope and promise. James Baker's vast economic, political, and diplomatic experience as a former Secretary of State and Secretary of the Treasury will help to forge an international consensus for an equitable and effective resolution of this issue.

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### **Digest of Other White House Announcements**

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The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

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#### ***November 29***

In the morning, at the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX, the President had an intelligence briefing.

#### ***November 30***

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush returned to Washington, DC.

#### ***December 1***

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Detroit, MI, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Bradley Simmons. He then traveled to Dearborn, MI.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Canton, MI. Later, he traveled to Newark, NJ, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Patricia Fields. He then traveled to Whippany, NJ.

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to nominate M. Teel Bivins to be Ambassador to Sweden.

#### ***December 2***

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt to discuss peace efforts in the Middle East and the situation in Iraq. Later, he had an intelligence briefing.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to Pittsburgh, PA, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Mila Nguyen.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.

During the day, the President informed Robert L. Bartley that he would receive the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

#### ***December 3***

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in an Oval Office ceremony, the President signed the 21st Century Nanotechnology Research and Development Act. Later, he met with the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology.

In the evening, on the State Floor, the President hosted a holiday reception.

The White House announced that the President will meet with King Abdullah II of Jordan at the White House on December 4.

The President announced his intention to nominate B. Francis Saul II and Ruth Sharp Altshuler to be members of the Library of Congress Trust Fund Board.

The President announced his intention to appoint Arturo Duran as Commissioner of the U.S. Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico.

The President announced his intention to appoint Victor Rodriguez and Bray Bruce Barnes as members of the Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

#### ***December 4***

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Tony Blair of the United Kingdom to discuss the situation in Iraq and the NATO Alliance.

In the afternoon, in an Oval Office ceremony, the President received diplomatic credentials from Ambassadors Eva Nowotny of Austria, Feturi Elisaia of Samoa, Euripides L. Evriviades of Cyprus, Abdulaziz Kamilov of Uzbekistan, Said Tayeb Jawad of Afghanistan, Salvador Stadthagen of Nicaragua,

Bayney Karran of Guyana, and Mikhailo Reznik of Ukraine.

Later in the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush attended the Pageant of Peace on the Ellipse.

#### **December 5**

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Mireya Elisa Moscoso of Panama to discuss a possible Panama-U.S. free trade agreement. Later, he had an intelligence briefing.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to Baltimore, MD.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Halethorpe, MD. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

Later in the afternoon, the President participated in an interview with People magazine.

In the evening, the President hosted a holiday reception.

The White House announced the members of the President's Task Force on Puerto Rico's Status: Gilbert G. Gonzalez, Jr.; Elizabeth Dial; Victor E. Bernson, Jr.; Kathleen Leos; Theresa Speake; Regina Schofield; Joshua Filler; Frank Jimenez; David P. Smith; Noel J. Francisco; Chris Spear; Leo DiBenigno; Sam Reid; Tony Fratto; William McLemore; and Ruben Barrales.

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#### **Nominations Submitted to the Senate**

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NOTE: No nominations were submitted to the Senate during the period covered by this issue.

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#### **Checklist of White House Press Releases**

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The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

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#### **Released December 1**

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed S.J. Res. 18, S.J. Res. 22, S. 1066, and H.R. 2754

#### **Released December 2**

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed S. 1590

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed S. 254, S. 867, S. 1718, and H.R. 3182

#### **Released December 3**

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Statement by the Press Secretary: King Abdullah of Jordan To Visit Washington

Statement by the Press Secretary on the President's decision to award the Presidential Medal of Freedom to Robert L. Bartley and the text of the citation

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 1904

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 23, H.R. 2744, H.R. 3175, H.R. 3379, S. 117, S. 286, S. 650, S. 189, H.R. 1683, H.R. 1685, S. 1720, and S. 1824

Fact sheet: President Bush Signs Healthy Forests Restoration Act Into Law

Fact sheet: President Bush Signs the 21st Century Nanotechnology Research and Development Act

#### **Released December 4**

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Transcript of a press briefing by U.S. Trade Representative Robert B. Zoellick on ending the temporary steel safeguards

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 2622